

The judge has told you that New Hampshire is not satisfied with their lottery. He has suggested that New York is not satisfied with their lottery, and he has suggested that Great Britain is not satisfied with their lottery.

I believe it was Delegate Weidemeyer that pointed out that the great State of Israel is more than happy with their lottery. There are countries all over this world that are more than happy with their lottery, and we suggest to you pure and simply as to whether or not the lottery is a good financial possibility that it may be — only that it may be; and that of all the areas in this constitution in which we should not be restrictive to the legislature, finance more than any other single item should be unrestricted.

The mind of the prophet is totally inept at this point to conceive all the myriad financial programs that may come before the legislature sometime, and that they will have to decide whether or not the program might be a good means of finance just for this purpose.

We submit that they should not be foreclosed.

That moves us to the legislature, which is my second point. You have been told that the legislature does not want to have to deal with this legislation. You have been told that a very prominent legislator will make an appeal to this effect.

I suggest to you that one legislator appeared before our Committee, another one or two were on our Committee, and they did in all candor suggest that they would prefer not to have to deal with this issue.

I suggest to you that the executive department, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch has spent the main time in its thrust to this Convention to strengthen those branches. We have done all we could to bring about a legislature in the State of Maryland that will have the power and the strength and the wisdom to deal with the people as they should be dealt with, and to do for them as time comes what is best to be done for them at that particular time.

We suggest to you in principle that to the extent that the legislature in any way is restricted from the flexibility to deal with problems as they arise, to that extent the legislature, which in fact we all wish to strengthen, is weakened.

There is a naked statement in the majority report that lotteries have debilitat-

ing effects on state finance. There is no foundation for that statement, no citation for it. It just simply is the opinion of the majority—or at least some of the majority.

We suggest to you that even if it is so, the fact that a lottery might have a debilitating effect on the finances of the State is not sufficient cause to restrict the legislature from an entire field of possible finance without having the wisdom and the judgment of the facts before the Convention to make such a decision.

Thirdly, I think we might call the point "sin." It has been suggested to you that this is a bad thing. In the ancient days the great institutions of the State of Maryland went forth into the world to raise money. Even the Lutherans could solicit the Episcopalians, I believe it is said somewhere in the majority report, and true, that is a good thing.

It is suggested that the evil plan which is now before you no longer has the spirit of generosity which once permeated these wonderful lawyers that we had in Maryland.

I suggest to you that I am a farm boy, and I do not know much about the sophistication of Baltimore, but I know hogwash when I see it, and without any question in my mind, the purpose of a lottery now, in the past, and in the future, will always be to raise money.

The purpose of a lottery is to raise money. If you can show me any time when a lottery in this State or any other state was held for any other purpose, I will take that statement back, but I doubt it.

The purpose of the State would be to raise money. The purpose of a Catholic Church's bingo game would be to raise money. The purpose of any institution, organization, state political subdivision or group or individual that holds a lottery henceforth and evermore would be to raise money, purely and simply.

I suggest to you if that effort is unsuccessful in raising money then the legislature would do away with it, the church would do away with it, and whoever has it would do away with it.

Generosity is not the purpose of a lottery. It is to raise money. We suggest to you again it may be sinful, it may not. It may be evil, it may not. But it is done throughout this State.

There is hardly a community that I know of that sometime during every week of this